



THE BEACON

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This is my swan song, my farewell as Commodore of the SCCYC. It has been one of the most interesting years of my life, my boating life that is! I've been extremely fortunate to have a crew of family and close friends that I can always count on to get me through any storm. The insight I garnered this year has taught me a great deal about the value of a great crew to help me sail the life boat. They are the ones that keep you afloat during the storm, and this year I found out just how great my life crew really is. I was not only honored to be Commodore of the SCCYC, but I also learned a great deal about the human race. And when it gets right down to it, that is the race that is the most important, and must be won. How you navigate through those rough seas is where you acquire integrity, loyalty, dignity and self respect, trophies that you can put on your mantel with pride.

The trophies on my mantel unfortunately are 90% from my life as a Golf Professional, and the other 10% are the trophies above. Unfortunately I was never able to win a boating trophy, but I've seen a lot of them awarded. Over the last six years that I have been a member of the SCCYC, I have been a member of the Board of Directors and been proud to help the club grow and succeed. Becoming Commodore is the final step in the ladder of serving the club; I'd like to think I helped in some way to bring the Club back from the rough years it had gone through.

This year my health has prevented me from doing a lot of the things I had planned. Fortunately I had a great Board of Directors that was able to do not only the things I had planned

on doing, but a great deal more. The Club has had a great year, thanks to them and the participation of the SCCYC's great members and heroic sailors, bringing home the prize. Again, it's been a great year of Sun-Sea-Sky, food and fun, stories and laughs, changes, and sometimes sadness; all the things that make life worthwhile. I wish our new Commodore Carl Radusch, Vice Commodore Sandy Bartiromo, Rear Commodore Jerry Magnussen, and the rest of the 2005 Board of Directors a great 73rd year.

Keep your sails full and your throttle to the wall.





Vice Commodore's Report
By Carl Radusch



Rear Commodore's Report
By Sandy Bartiromo

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. As of this moment, we have 13 guests coming for dinner at our new home in Lebec, and are struggling against traffic to commute back and forth to get it all ready.



SCCYC Members enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner

Our great club has been having record attendance at events and at the clubhouse. I am so excited to see everyone having such a good time and simply enjoying the events we sponsor. I am looking forward to the greatest year we can possibly imagine, and expect to see even more members come out on a weekly basis.

I sailed on "Sjambock" last week in Annapolis in 17 - 25 knots of wind. There were 15 great sailors aboard and they insisted that I take the helm downwind with the ASO. It was a super experience. It was also very, very cold, with the temperature at 44 degrees and with the wind chill making it very hard for me to concentrate in my California attire.

The week before, I sailed on "Chayah", another one-design 48 in Long Beach owned by Oscar Krinsky. It was the opposite condition. We had to wait 45 minutes for the race to begin for lack of wind, but did manage to finish first against a Schock 40. We were first to finish and had the boat put away before the rest of the fleet had even finished. (Satisfying!)

One last comment. The club is open all weekend. Just because you come one day, does not mean that you cannot come another! Honest! Enjoy. Life is short. Make it fun!

Woosh....

The year just flew by. As we look retrospectively at the club events, which did you attend and which did you wish you didn't miss?

- BBQ's
- Seminars
- Races
- Cruises
- Dinners
- Brunches
- Sports Events
- Tours
- Parties
- Your OD day
- Picnics

The new Board is working on the 2005 calendar and we would like to hear from you, too. What events would you like to see the club host? Give us a phone call or come by



The Clubhouse is ready for the Holidays, thanks to Trish LaVay, Karmen Estlow (above), and the beautiful Oregon Nobel Fir from Shawn's Christmas Trees

SCCYC Racers

These are some of the SCCYC boats that have been spotted in races over the last month. If we've missed your boat or you plan to race in the next month, let us know at beacon@sccyc.org.

CFJ	Benjamin Spector	Shadden Series (Oct)
Lone Ranger, Ranger 26	Rick Horner	Home Port Regatta



Race Chair Report
By Christine Speck



Our 2004 Racing season is complete. I want to thank all those who helped to make this a very successful racing season. Numerous people helped with the great after-race hospitality, which included serving up food and manning the bar. We had 3 committee boats, 3 mark boats and 2 support boats serve over the course of the season. The race committee was always fully manned. And, we topped off every race with wonderful trophies. I hope all of you, plus some new volunteers, will help again next year.

Now on to the last race report for the year. The Home Port Regatta consisted of two seminars during the week followed by a race on Saturday, November 13th. This regatta is designed to introduce sailors to the sport of sailboat racing and to the Marina del Rey Yacht Clubs. Since we host this regatta on behalf of ASMBYC, we recruited members from other yacht clubs to support some of the activities. The seminars and the race were well attended with about 22 people at each seminar and 22 boats entering the race.

The seminars covered racing basics and the important role that yacht clubs have in sponsoring and running races. Carl Radusch and John Staff (from ASMBYC & SBYRC) conducted the first seminar. Bob Kellock and Marylyn Hoenemeyer (from CYC) presented the second seminar. Mike Priest and Tom O’Conor (from CYC) also supported the second seminar.



*Rick Horner on **Lone Ranger** in the Home Port Regatta with a novice skipper.*

On race day, the 22-boat field divided equally into two classes: spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. Two races were run in 5-8 knot winds. The start of the first race was delayed by 20 minutes, waiting for the wind direction to settle

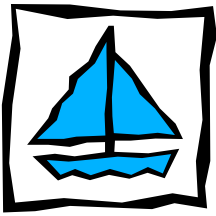
down. Coaches rode along on a few of the racing boats to offer help and suggestions. Coaches were Bruce Fleck and, from other clubs, George Biddle and Fran Weber-Melville. Additionally, a powerboat roamed the course with coach Tom O’Conor to offer advise from a far. All boats finished by 3:30 and were headed to the clubhouse for a BBQ and trophy presentations. The novice winners for each class will be posted on the Darien Murray Perpetual Trophy. These winners will be announced at a later date, once the novice skipper qualifications have been confirmed.



*Home Port Regatta Race Committee on **Camelot IV***

Thank you to all of our Club Members that helped with the Home Port Regatta. Bob Kellock was our PRO. Committee members were Tracey Kenney, John Fischer and Jim Doherty. Jim also provided *Camelot IV* for the committee boat. Doug Russell loaned us his rubber ducky and Tom Estlow manned the (borrowed) mark boat. Gary Speck provided *C•Scape* for the coach boat, which he and Sandy Bartiromo handled. Karmen Estlow and Shelby Fischer provided a wonderful BBQ meal and cleanup. Paul Muggleston, Sandy Clark and Sandy Bartiromo (plus others) worked the bar. Dana Hutton did another stellar job with trophies. Carl Radusch and Bob Kellock supported the seminars and Bruce Fleck provided coaching services. And thanks to the others that volunteered to help with coaching, if needed. We hung flyers advertising the race at every dock gate (over 155) in the marina. The flyer hanging crew was Harry Johnson, Jerry Magnussen, Darlene Stringfellow, Nancy Russell, Paul Muggleston, Gary Speck and Carl Radusch.

Once again, I give a huge Thank You to everyone who helped with the entire 2004 racing season.



Members' Adventures



Santa Monica Windjammer Yacht Club still alive.

By Peter Beale

It appears that I upset a number of people by my announcement of the premature demise of the Santa Monica Windjammer Yacht Club in my article last month about our membership. I was pleased to learn that they are following in the SCCYC footsteps by loosing the Clubhouse lease but continuing as a Club, hopefully in new premises very soon. Apologies to all who were upset by my mistake.

Membership; Chair Report

By Paul Muggleston

With the end of the current year upon us and a total show of enthusiasm for the up-coming year by members, it is not surprising to see a number of pending applications on my desk from sailors wishing to join us.

The pending applications are from the following:

Stuart Coleman "Beneteau 331 Oceanis" 34-foot sloop
Michael Sikov "WD Schock Lido 14
Ward H White Catalina Cat 13.8

We look forward to seeing them all at the club and getting to know them. They will be interviewed by the board at the next board meeting.

If any members have folks who would like to join or are interested in the club please contact me at your leisure.

As the holiday season is upon us I wish each and everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and great year of boating in 2005.

Membership Statistics	(69 members)
Flag Members	59
Life Members	3
Non-resident Members	6
Cruising Members	1

From the Secretary

By Tom Estlow

About this time, we should all be enjoying our reception and Installation Dinner on December 4th. I hope those that chose not to go to dinner at least stop by the Club for the Reception. After all, the Board Members are popping for the wine and hors d'oeuvres, and the award ceremonies should be fun.

Anyway, this is sort of a reminder to all to make sure their dues are current beginning in January, because that is how the new membership cards go out. So the sooner Bruce Fleck, our new treasurer, knows, the sooner I can get your new membership card out.

And for those that haven't visited other yacht clubs, it can be a wonderful experience. You just show your card upon entering and the rest is easy. Sitting in the Balboa Yacht Club, watching the sun go down in Newport Bay, or sitting in the prestigious St Francis Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay can be memorable.

And remember, everything you want to know is in the Beacon.

My Rogue Wave

By Bob Kingsbury

Immediately after Pearl Harbor the U-Boats started sinking merchant ships along the Atlantic Coast. In fact, in a few months they killed more seamen than all our losses on Dec 7th.

The navy had almost all of its ships in the pacific, so FDR decided to do an American Dunkirk and asked for sailors to man yachts in order to locate and report the subs when they surfaced to recharge their batteries.

I volunteered and was a part of the crew of the 55-foot Schooner "Countess," and sailed the same day I said "yes." On one of our first trips, we ran into a nasty blow, which had us running before bare poles. Even our storm trysail had been blown off the mast. My watch mate happened to go below to get a hot cup of coffee.

I heard a loud roar and looked up and saw a huge curling wave about the height of the main mast right over my head. As it started to break, I let out a shriek and hung onto the wheel. (To this date, I have never been so frightened.) Holding my breath for a long, long time, my head finally emerged from the sea, as did the two masts. The sailboat was completely under water. Slowly she surfaced like a submarine, the wave having only taken our life raft.

It is a wonderful thing that heaven protects sailors!



O.D. SCHEDULE



The following schedule will be in effect as shown

Friday 1800-2200 Hrs. (Year-Round Hours)		Saturday 1200-1600 Hrs. (Winter Hours)		Sunday 1200-1600 Hrs. (Winter Hours)	
12/03	Ron Tvenstrup	12/04	Ren Oden	12/05	Mike Cheda
12/10	Mark Spector	12/11	Carl Radusch	12/12	Steve Krug
12/17	Jotham Schwartz	12/18	Gene O'Connell	12/19	Clark Garrett
12/24		12/25		12/26	
Have a Happy Winter Holiday - Bring your Family and Friends to the Club					
12/31		01/01		01/02	
Have a Happy New Year - Bring your Family and Friends to the Club					
01/07	John Thomas	01/08	Gary Calthrap	01/09	Gary Magnuson
01/14	Steve Weinman	01/15	Bud Zucker	01/16	Kalina Noelle
01/21	Angel Lopez	01/22	Tracy Kenney	01/23	Jerry Magnussen
01/28	Steve Mullen	01/29	Mark Tilford	01/30	Robert Speiler

* 1st Friday Dinner @ the Club ** 2nd Sunday Breakfast @ the Club *** General Membership Meeting

If you cannot fulfill your duty on your assigned date, please get a replacement and notify Nancy Werner (beacon@sccyc.org) of your replacement. It is your responsibility to fulfill your duty or find a replacement; otherwise you may be assessed a donation of up to \$25.

Reminder: Please fill out the OD logbook, as it may be the only record that you fulfilled your duty.

NOTE: The sponsoring member introduces the new Member to O.D duty on the first tour.

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MAILING ADDRESS

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
04	Installation Dinner	07	First Friday dinner
12	Second Sunday Brunch (10 am)	09	Second Sunday Brunch (10 am)
	Board Meeting (4 pm)		Board Meeting (4 pm)
		22	Membership Meeting and Dinner